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POROUS SILICON ....  
Art Unit: 1765  
Examiner: Vinh, Lan

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE REGARDING DRAWINGS.

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

This is a response to the notice regarding drawings mailed May 6, 2004. Attached hereto is a replacement set of drawings (on 8 sheets) to be substituted for the drawings (on 4 sheets) filed on September 15, 2000. The response is believed to address the Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawings review, as will now be explained.

The replacement set of drawings includes new larger versions of Figs. 1-4. Fig. 5 remains in its original scale, but has been placed on a separate page to accommodate the large scale of Fig. 4.

The basis for the objection to Figs. 1-4 was that 1) their scale was not large enough; and

2) the lines were not uniform. The replacement versions of Figs. 1-4 are larger. The replacement Figs. 1-4 are also believed to have a more uniform appearance. Applicants point out, however, that the Figs. 1-4 cannot be re-drawn, and that the resolution of these figures cannot be changed. These figures are SEM images, and are commonly printed in U.S. patents. The appearance of the figures is believed to be suitable for reproduction, in the same quality as is commonly accepted for SEM images by the USPTO.

If there are further issues regarding these drawings, Applicants respectfully request that the undersigned attorney be contacted at the below-listed number.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith please find:

- ( ) \_\_\_ sheets of redlined drawing(s) which indicate proposed changes to the drawing(s). Upon approval of these proposed changes, formal drawing(s) will be submitted.
- ( ) \_\_\_ sheets of corrected formal drawing(s), as required by the Notice of Patent Drawings Objection (PTO-948) which accompanied the Office Action dated \_\_\_\_\_. Please retain the remaining originally filed sheets.
- ( ) \_\_\_ sheets of corrected formal drawing(s), as required by the Notice of Patent Drawings Objection (PTO-948) and approved in the Notice of Allowability dated \_\_\_\_\_. Please retain the remaining originally filed sheets.
- ( ) \_\_\_ sheets of formal drawing(s). Please substitute these formal drawing(s) for the informal drawing(s) originally filed.
- (X) 8 sheets of formal drawings, as required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (Form PTO-948) which accompanied the Notice Regarding Drawings dated May 6, 2004.

Examiner's approval of the entry of these drawings is respectfully requested. No new matter has been added.

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